

REMARKS

Claims 34-39 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-13, 16-28 and 30-33 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner has required that Applicants restrict to one of the two groups set forth in the Office Action dated January 9, 2008 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-13, 16-28 and 30-33, drawn to a machine implemented method for collecting information from a storage server managed by use of multi-appliance management application (MMA), classified in class 707, subclass 200.
- II. Claims 34-39, drawn to a method, classified in class 707, subclass 200.

Applicants elect Group I without traverse. Applicants have canceled the claims of Group II without prejudice and reserve the right to file the claims of Group II in a divisional application at a later date.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims 1-13, 16-28 and 30-33 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

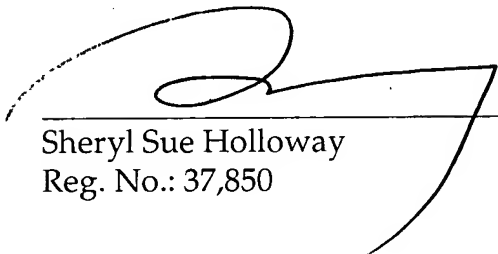
If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720 8300 x3476.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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